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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-09

WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be an issue in North Dakota;

WHEREAS, there exists a need for increased and improved collaboration among state agencies, which receive various resources from the federal government, to improve access to mainstream resources critical to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and work to eliminate homelessness;

WHEREAS, President Bush has established a United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to work to develop and implement a comprehensive national approach to end chronic homelessness in the United States;

IT IS THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, directed that the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness be established and authorized to function in compliance with the following sections of order.

General Provisions

Section 1. The Council consists of the following individuals or their designees:

- a. A designee from the Governor's Office;
- b. The Director of the North Dakota Department of Human Services;
- c. The Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation;
- d. The Director of Job Service North Dakota;
- e. The Director of the Department of Public Instruction;
- f. The Mayor of Grand Forks;
- g. The Mayor of Fargo;
- h. The Mayor of Bismarck;
- i. The President of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People;
- j. The Director of the Indian Affairs Commission;
- k. The Director of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency;
- l. The Director of the North Dakota Division of Community Services;
- m. The heads of such other state department of agencies as the Governor may deem appropriate.

Section 2. The term of Council members shall be two years.

Section 3. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the Council members.

Section 4. The Council shall have the following duties:

- a. Coordinate state policy and working relationship among state agencies to identify and define issues of homelessness in North Dakota;
- b. Determine comprehensive and effective collaborative strategies and best practices for preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota;
- c. Review and analyze the need for, and the availability of resources to address the needs of North Dakotan statewide that are homeless;
- d. Recommend changes necessary to alleviate or prevent the situation of homelessness to include making recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and organizations regarding effective distribution of resources and access to available services and programs;
- e. Educate the other state agencies, legislators, and the public about the causes of homelessness;
- f. Solicit input from the faith community, the advocacy community, the business community and consumers regarding policy and program development to identify and define issues of homelessness to develop effective collaborative strategies for preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota.

Section 5. The Council shall report annual to the Governor on progress in preventing and alleviating the incidence of homelessness in North Dakota and on recommendations for executive and legislative action.

Section 6. The Council is entitled to the full cooperation of all state departments and agencies. In this regard, state departments and agencies shall furnish information and any additional assistance as may be necessary and available to further the purpose of this Executive Order.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 8th day of November 2004.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State